

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a cross correlator operable to receive a first audio signal and a second audio signal, the cross correlator also operable to cross correlate a first time period of the first audio signal with a second time period of the second audio signal ~~the first and second audio signals~~ to produce a cross-correlated signal, where the second time period is larger than the first time period;

at least one parameter identifier operable to receive the cross-correlated signal and identify a plurality of parameters associated with at least one of the first and second audio signals using the cross-correlated signal; and

a score generator operable to receive the plurality of parameters and generate an indicator identifying an extent to which the first and second audio signals match.

2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the at least one parameter identifier comprises:

a delay identifier operable to identify a delay between the first and second audio signals;

a correlation identifier operable to identify an amount of correlation between the first and second audio signals; and

a pitch variation identifier operable to identify a variation in pitch between the first and second audio signals.

3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein:

the delay identifier is operable to identify the delay by identifying a maximum value in the cross-correlated signal;

the correlation identifier is operable to identify the amount of correlation by normalizing the cross-correlated signal; and

the pitch variation identifier is operable to identify the variation in pitch by identifying a coincidental harmonic frequency using the cross-correlated signal.

4. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the score generator is operable to generate the indicator by:

generating a first score using the delay between the first and second audio signals and the amount of correlation between the first and second audio signals;

generating a second score using the variation in pitch between the first and second audio signals; and

combining the first and second scores to produce a final score.

5. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the first audio signal is associated with an input signal and the second audio signal is associated with a reference signal; and

further comprising:

a plurality of decimators operable to receive and decimate the input signal and the reference signal; and

a plurality of filters operable to filter at least one of the input signal, the reference signal, a decimated input signal, and a decimated reference signal.

6. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the plurality of filters comprise:

a first anti-aliasing low pass filter operable to filter the input signal, a first of the decimators operable to decimate the filtered input signal;

a second anti-aliasing low pass filter operable to filter the reference signal, a second of the decimators operable to decimate the filtered reference signal;

a first band pass filter operable to filter the decimated input signal to produce the first audio signal; and

a second band pass filter operable to filter the decimated reference signal to produce the second audio signal.

7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising a voice activity detector operable to detect a voice in the input signal;

wherein the score generator is operable to generate the indicator after the voice activity detector detects the voice in the input signal.

8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein:

each of the first and second audio signals comprises a plurality of frames; and

the cross correlator is operable to correlate one frame from the first audio signal and multiple frames from the second audio signal to produce the cross-correlated signal.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the indicator identifies an extent to which the one frame from the first audio signal matches at least a portion of the multiple frames from the second audio signal.

10. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
 receiving in an audio apparatus a first audio signal and a second audio signal;
 cross-correlating by the audio apparatus a first time period of the first audio signal with a second time period of the second audio signal ~~the first and second audio signals~~ to produce a cross-correlated signal, where the second time period is larger than the first time period;
 identifying by the audio apparatus a plurality of parameters associated with at least one of the first and second audio signals using the cross-correlated signal; and
 generating by the audio apparatus an indicator identifying an extent to which the first and second audio signals match using the plurality of parameters.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the plurality of parameters comprise:
 a delay between the first and second audio signals;
 an amount of correlation between the first and second audio signals; and
 a variation in pitch between the first and second audio signals.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein identifying by the audio apparatus the plurality of parameters comprises:

identifying by the audio apparatus the delay by identifying a maximum value in the cross-correlated signal;

identifying by the audio apparatus the amount of correlation by normalizing the cross-correlated signal; and

identifying by the audio apparatus the variation in pitch by identifying a coincidental harmonic frequency using the cross-correlated signal.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein generating by the audio apparatus the indicator comprises:

generating by the audio apparatus a first score using the delay between the first and second audio signals and the amount of correlation between the first and second audio signals;

generating by the audio apparatus a second score using the variation in pitch between the first and second audio signals; and

combining by the audio apparatus the first and second scores to produce a final score.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein the first audio signal is associated with an input signal and the second audio signal is associated with a reference signal; and further comprising:

decimating by the audio apparatus the input signal and the reference signal; and

filtering by the audio apparatus at least one of the input signal, the reference signal, a decimated input signal, and a decimated reference signal.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 14, wherein filtering by the audio apparatus at least one of the signals comprises:

anti-alias low pass filtering by the audio apparatus the input signal;

anti-alias low pass filtering by the audio apparatus the reference signal;

band pass filtering by the audio apparatus the decimated input signal to produce the first audio signal; and

band pass filtering by the audio apparatus the decimated reference signal to produce the second audio signal.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, further comprising detecting by the audio apparatus a voice in the input signal;

wherein generating by the audio apparatus the indicator comprises generating the indicator after detecting the voice in the input signal.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein:
each of the first and second audio signals comprises a plurality of frames; and
cross-correlating by the audio apparatus the first and second audio signals comprises cross-correlating by the audio apparatus one frame from the first audio signal and multiple frames from the second audio signal to produce the cross-correlated signal.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer program operable to be executed by a processor, the computer program embodied on a tangible computer readable medium and comprising computer readable program code for:

receiving a first audio signal and a second audio signal;
cross-correlating a first time period of the first audio signal with a second time period of the second audio signal ~~the first and second audio signals~~ to produce a cross-correlated signal, where the second time period is larger than the first time period;

identifying a plurality of parameters associated with at least one of the first and second audio signals using the cross-correlated signal; and

generating an indicator identifying an extent to which the first and second audio signals match using the plurality of parameters.

19. (Original) The computer program of Claim 18, wherein the plurality of parameters comprise:

- a delay between the first and second audio signals;
- an amount of correlation between the first and second audio signals; and
- a variation in pitch between the first and second audio signals.

20. (Original) The computer program of Claim 19, wherein the computer readable program code for identifying the plurality of parameters comprises computer readable program code for:

- identifying the delay by identifying a maximum value in the cross-correlated signal;
- identifying the amount of correlation by normalizing the cross-correlated signal; and
- identifying the variation in pitch by identifying a coincidental harmonic frequency using the cross-correlated signal.

21. (Original) The computer program of Claim 19, wherein the computer readable program code for generating the indicator comprises computer readable program code for:

- generating a first score using the delay between the first and second audio signals and the amount of correlation between the first and second audio signals;
- generating a second score using the variation in pitch between the first and second audio signals; and
- combining the first and second scores to produce a final score.

22. (Original) The computer program of Claim 18, wherein the first audio signal is associated with an input signal and the second audio signal is associated with a reference signal; and

further comprising computer readable program code for:

decimating the input signal and the reference signal; and

filtering at least one of the input signal, the reference signal, a decimated input signal, and a decimated reference signal.

23. (Original) The computer program of Claim 22, wherein the computer readable program code for filtering at least one of the signals comprises:

computer readable program code for anti-alias low pass filtering the input signal;

computer readable program code for anti-alias low pass filtering the reference signal;

computer readable program code for band pass filtering the decimated input signal to produce the first audio signal; and

computer readable program code for band pass filtering the decimated reference signal to produce the second audio signal.

24. (Original) The computer program of Claim 18, further comprising computer readable program code for detecting a voice in the input signal;

wherein the computer readable program code for generating the indicator comprises computer readable program code for generating the indicator after detecting the voice in the input signal.

25. (Original) The computer program of Claim 18, wherein:

each of the first and second audio signals comprises a plurality of frames; and

the computer readable program code for cross-correlating the first and second audio signals comprises computer readable program code for cross-correlating one frame from the first audio signal and multiple frames from the second audio signal to produce the cross-correlated signal.